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The bill adds requirements under the Joint Orientation Session (JOS) that is performed for family independence assistance applicants by the Departments of Human Services and Labor & Economic Growth. Under the bill, the JOS is to include at a minimum a literacy and skills determination, job readiness assessment, basic skills identifier, and mental or physical barriers or disability assessment. The bill additionally would require the JOS to include basic life skills orientation to prepare an individual for employment. If the individual is determined to not have the basic life skills required to maintain employment, an immediate referral for further assessment and training or education is required. A recipient of family independence assistance terminated from the family independence program for 30 days or more is required to attend a joint meeting with department and Work First program caseworkers.